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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the June 23, 2005, office action ("Office Action"), Applicants request that the abstract and drawings be amended as reflected in the following listed amendments. The abstract starting on page 2 will replace all prior versions in the above-referenced patent application (the "Application"). The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.